

Official Payment Policy and Financial Terms for Ultimate Pageants Events

These Terms and Conditions (“Terms”) govern the payment obligations of all contestants and participants (“Participant”) engaging with **Ultimate Pageants** (“the Business,” “we,” “us,” or “our”). By submitting payment, registering for an event, or entering into a payment plan, the Participant agrees to be bound by these Terms in full.

1. Definitions

- **Business:** Ultimate Pageants and its authorised representatives.
 - **Participant:** Any individual who submits payment for an Ultimate Pageants event.
 - **Event:** Any pageant, competition, program, or related activity hosted by Ultimate Pageants.
 - **Director:** The Director of Ultimate Pageants or an authorised delegate.
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2. Payment Requirements

2.1 **Contestants who elect to pay in full** must do so **within fourteen (14) days of entry** unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director.

2.2 All invoices and payment schedules issued by Ultimate Pageants must be paid by the stated due date or final payment date, unless prior written approval has been granted by the Director.

2.3 Payments must be made via the approved payment methods specified by Ultimate Pageants.

2.4 Failure to comply with payment requirements may result in the Participant being deemed non-compliant and may lead to removal from the Event.

3. Late Payments and Non-Compliance

3.1 A late payment fee of **ten percent (10%) of the outstanding balance** will be applied to any payment not received by the due date.

3.2 **Payments outstanding for more than thirty (30) days** may result in **immediate disqualification from the Event without refund**, unless a written extension has been approved by the Director prior to the 30-day period elapsing.

3.3 All fees must be paid by the **final payment date** specified by Ultimate Pageants. If fees remain unpaid after the final payment date, the Participant will be **disqualified without refund**, unless prior written approval has been granted by the Director.

3.4 Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to withdraw participation privileges, revoke titles or placements, and deny access to Event activities where payment obligations are not met.

4. Payment Plans

4.1 Payment plans are offered strictly at the discretion of Ultimate Pageants and are subject to approval.

4.2 All payment plans:

- Require a **non-refundable deposit of \$100**;
- Will **commence one (1) week after the deposit has been received**;
- Must be completed within a **maximum period of four (4) months**.

4.3 All payment plans operate under an **automatic payment schedule** set by Ultimate Pageants. Participants are responsible for ensuring sufficient funds are available at all scheduled payment times.

4.4 Failure to meet an automatic payment instalment may result in late fees, cancellation of the payment plan, and/or disqualification from the Event without refund.

5. Sashes and Participation Materials

5.1 **National Finalist sashes will not be issued** until **either**:

- The minimum deposit amount of **\$100** has been received; **or**
- Full payment has been received in cleared funds.

5.2 Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to withhold sashes, credentials, merchandise, or access to official activities until minimum payment requirements have been met.

6. Refunds and Payment Transfers

6.1 **All payments made to Ultimate Pageants are strictly non-refundable**, including but not limited to withdrawals, disqualifications, non-attendance, or failure to meet payment obligations.

6.2 At the sole discretion of Ultimate Pageants, payments may be transferred to another Ultimate Pageants Event. Requests must be submitted in writing and approval is not guaranteed.

6.3 **All decisions regarding refunds, credits, extensions, or transfers are final and non-negotiable.**

7. Financial Hardship

7.1 Participants experiencing financial hardship must contact the Director **in writing via email prior to the relevant payment due date.**

7.2 Alternative arrangements may be considered at the discretion of the Director but are not guaranteed.

7.3 Failure to communicate financial hardship prior to a missed payment does not exempt the Participant from late fees or disqualification.

8. Communication

8.1 All payment-related communication must be made in writing to the official Ultimate Pageants email address.

8.2 Verbal communication, social media messages, or informal contact will not be recognised unless confirmed in writing.

9. Governing Law

9.1 These Terms are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of **Australia / [State or Territory]**.

9.2 Any disputes shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts within that jurisdiction.

10. Agreement to Terms

10.1 By submitting payment or entering into a payment plan, the Participant confirms they have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms.

10.2 Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to amend these Terms at any time. Updated Terms take effect immediately upon publication or distribution.